**Why Landscaping with Native Plants Matters - Resources**

* **Piedmont Master Gardeners** [Native Plants Resources](https://piedmontmastergardeners.org/gardening-questions/native-plants/) (Includes the Plant Northern Piedmont sticker plant list and site-specific brochures)
* [**Audubon at Home: Creating Wildlife Habitat**](https://www.audubonva.org/creating-wildlife-habitat)[**https://www.audubonva.org/creating-wildlife-habitat**](https://www.audubonva.org/creating-wildlife-habitat)
* [**Backyard Wildlife Habitat**](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-070/SPES-247%20(2).pdf)

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* [**For the Birds, Butterflies & Hummingbirds: Creating Inviting Habitats;**](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/HORT/HORT-59/HORT-59-PDF.pdf)

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* **Straight species vs cultivars, Mt Cuba Center Plant Trials, Mid-Atlantic,** [**https://mtcubacenter.org/research/trial-garden/**](https://mtcubacenter.org/research/trial-garden/)
* [**Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee**](https://www.albemarle.org/government/community-development/boards-and-commissions/natural-heritage-committee)
* [**Albemarle County Biodiversity Action Plan**](https://www.albemarle.org/home/showpublisheddocument/5765/637399203047500000)
* [**Albemarle County Native Plants webpage**](https://www.albemarle.org/government/facilities-environmental-services/environmental-services/native-plants)
* [**Piedmont Master Gardener - Healthy Landscapes Program**](https://piedmontmastergardeners.org/gardening-questions/healthy-landscapes/)
* [**Doug Tallamy’s Homegrown National Park**](https://homegrownnationalpark.org/)
* [**Engage Albemarle**](https://engage.albemarle.org/)**- online center for public engagement**
* [**Albemarle County Environmental Stewardship Hub**](https://www.albemarle.org/community/environmental-stewardship-in-albemarle-county)
* [Best Bets: Plants for Particular Uses](https://mgnv.org/plants/best-bets/); [https://mgnv.org/plants/best-bets](https://mgnv.org/plants/best-bets/)
* Selecting Plants for Pollinator; <https://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/Guides/SoutheastMixedForestrx5FINAL.pdf>
* Penn State Extension: [Webinar Series on Gardening for Pollinators](https://extension.psu.edu/pollinator-series-gardening-for-pollinators)
* [Penn State extension: Pollinator Gardens: Habitat and Landscaping](https://extension.psu.edu/insects-pests-and-diseases/pollinators/habitat-and-landscape)
* [Bee and Pollinator Books/Lists – Soft Landings, by Heather Holms](https://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/softlandings.html), <https://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/softlandings.html>
* [Xerces Native Plant List for Pollinators for Mid-Atlantic](https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/native-plants-for-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects-mid-atlantic), https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/native-plants-for-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects-mid-atlantic

**Recommended Reading:**

Douglas W. Tallamy, *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*

Douglas W. Tallamy, *The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees*

Douglas W. Tallamy, *Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*

*Rick Darke & Doug Tallamy, The Living Landscape, Designing for beauty and biodiversity in the home garden*

Doug Tallamy 20-minute video. [*What's the Rush? Doug Tallamy, Co-Founder Homegrown National Park*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3KQW2BKtx4)

[**Conservation Landscaping Guidelines,** The Eight Essential Elements of Conservation Landscaping](https://chesapeakelandscape.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/8_elements_2013.pdf)**,**  <https://chesapeakelandscape.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/8_elements_2013.pdf>

**Technical and Cost Sharing Programs: Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District Homeowner grants for Conservation Landscaping (Meadows, rain gardens, etc.)** [**VCAP Process**](https://www.tjswcd.org/best-management-practices-homeowners/)[**https://www.tjswcd.org/best-management-practices-homeowners/**](https://www.tjswcd.org/best-management-practices-homeowners/)

**Learn to recognize and control invasive species with these resources:**

* [Blue Ridge PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management)](https://blueridgeprism.org/)
* [Invasive Plants Fact Sheets](https://blueridgeprism.org/factsheets/)
* [A USDA Field Guide for the Identification of Invasive Plants of Southern Forests](https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/35292)
* [Virginia Dept of Conservation Research’s List of Invasive Plants](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/invspinfo)
* [Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d76d70856d71978757182e7/t/5e3437db239e650b841d8f52/1580480483678/AAH_PlantInvadersMidAtlanticNaturalAreas5thEdition.pdf)